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# CRUISER SAN DIEGO WAS DESTROYED BY SUBMARINE SURVIVORS REPORT. AMERICAN BOYS STILL FORGE AHEAD

## U-BOAT SANK VESSEL WASHINGTON THINKS; LOSS OF LIFE UNKNOWN

Some of Sailors From U. S. Warship Hit Off Fire Island Assert Many Were Killed and Injured In Two Explosions Which Occurred Within Short Interval After First—It is Declared Vessel Opened Fire on U-Boat With Several Guns, and May Have Destroyed Assailant.

Washington, July 20—Belief that the cruiser San Diego was sunk by a torpedo is expressed in a dispatch today from the chief of staff of cruiser forces to the navy department.

The dispatch follows:  
"The captain of the San Diego reports that he is inclined to the belief that the ship was sunk by torpedo. There are no conclusive facts, however, on which to base a definite opinion at present, in view of following circumstances:

"1—No torpedo wake was seen.  
"2—No convincing evidence that periscope was seen.  
"3—No submarine appeared, in spite of the fact that New York harbor is far a richer prize than the freight and tank steamers sunk during the previous visit here in May and June.  
Information received by the navy department early today that two steamers were enroute to port with 1,156 survivors of the San Diego aboard was taken to indicate the number of lives lost would be small, if any. The landing of 31 survivors previously had been reported, which would account for the safety of 1,187. The cruiser is not regarded as having had more than that number of men aboard when she left the Portsmouth, N. H., navy yard for New York.

It was reiterated today that the military loss in the sinking of the San Diego was small, the cruiser being one of a comparatively old type, having been built in 1899. However, the San Diego was the first major warship to be lost since the United States entered the war.

Capt. H. H. Christy, commander of the armored cruiser San Diego, sunk yesterday off Long Island, reported to the navy department today his belief that the ship was torpedoed, in spite of the absence of any positive evidence of the presence of an enemy submarine.

New York, July 20—Positive information as to the cause of the sinking of the United States armored cruiser San Diego off Fire Island yesterday before noon, as well as to the loss of life, if any, was lacking here early today.

Thirty-one sailors who were landed at Point o' Woods on Long Island yesterday said a torpedo had struck the warship amidships, following which two other explosions occurred. Other survivors, among 300 who arrived at this port on a tanker last night were reported to have said that either a coast defense (Continued on Page Two)

## TWO UNDER ARREST FOR STEALING AUTOMOBILE

Wallace Knapp and Edward Wilson Accused of Taking Car From Gold Street June 20—Third Man In Custody Already.

Wallace Knapp, of 501 Fairfield avenue and Edward Wilson, of 251 Cannon street were arrested at their homes yesterday by Detectives Thomas Malone and Frank Holbrook, on the charge of stealing an Oakland touring car which was parked in Gold street on the night of June 20.

## 18,000 PRISONERS TAKEN BY ALLIES UP TO PRESENT

London, July 20—French troops on the Soissons front have extended their advance from Mont de Paris, southwest of the city, to Belleu, a town southeast of Soissons.

According to the police Knapp was one of the men who with the man Vescey, captured with an automobile he is alleged to have stolen while trying to escape from Port Chester a little while ago. Vescey is now awaiting trial before the Superior Court and is out on bonds.

## 436 PRISONERS CAPTURED BY BRITISH IN FLANDERS

### LOCAL BOARDS GET ALLOTMENTS FOR SELECTIVES

Of State Quota Bridgeport Has 36, and Stamford Has But 5.

Hartford, July 20—Under the recent draft call for white and colored selectives Adj. Gen. George M. Cole sent out allotments to local boards throughout Connecticut. The total is 665, of which 200 are whites. The latter are to be sent to Syracuse July 29 to train for service as guards and firemen at ports of embarkation of troops and supplies. The 465 negroes are to go to Camp Devens August 1. The allotments are as follows:  
White:  
State boards—Bridgeport, 36; Stamford, 42; Hartford, 14; New Haven, 20; Waterbury, 19; East Hartford, 9; Plainville, 5; Thompsonville, 10; Meriden, 5; Ansonia, 5; Norwich, 5; New London, 4; Bethel, 4; Stratford, 5; Greenwich, 5; Putnam, 5; Torrington, 5; Canaan, 5; Middletown, 5; Deep River, 5; Rockville, 5.  
Negro:  
State boards—Bridgeport, 30; Stamford, 42; Hartford, 37; New Britain, 3; New Haven, 12; Waterbury, 15; East Hartford, 25; Plainville, 10; Thompsonville, 9; Branford, 10; Meriden, 4; Milford, 12; Ansonia, 26; New Britain, 29; Norwich, 12; Bethel, 4; Stratford, 7; Norwalk, 12; Greenwich, 23; Putnam, 1; Torrington, 5; Canaan, 9; New Milford, 5; Middletown, 2; Deep River, 1; Rockville, 3.

### CHOLERA IN MOSCOW.

London, July 20—Cholera has broken out in Moscow, according to a Russian wireless message received here today.

## "SECRET FOUR" MAKES THREAT AGAINST POST

Note Pinned With Dagger Found By Storekeeper in Maplewood Avenue When He Opens For Business—No Clue to Signers.

Edward M. Post who conducts a store at 142 Maplewood avenue reported to the police early today that when he opened his place of business this morning he found a murderous looking dagger with a crudely written note attached to the handle, stuck in the door post.

## FOUR ARRESTS FOR SELLING TO UNIFORMED MEN

Charles H. Lane Makes Visit to South Norwalk Cafes on Complaints Made.

Charles H. Lane, agent of the Department of Justice, and his agents arrested four men in South Norwalk last night for attempting to violate the federal law. The men arrested were Edward McGurk, George Slavin, Earl Williams and Samuel Gilmore. The first three were arrested in the cafe owned by Battling Kunz, a well known prize fighter, Slavin being employed as a bartender, while McGurk and Williams are frequenters. Gilmore was arrested in the Moberg hotel, being a waiter there.

### Advance Line Along Breadth of 4,000 Yards in Meteren Sector.

### IMPROVE POSITION SOUTH OF HEBUTERNE

Gen. Pershing in Communique for Friday Tells of Continued Progress.

London, July 20—As a result of yesterday's operations on the Flanders front the British line was advanced along a breadth of 4,000 yards in the Meteren sector. The village of Meteren, and a group of buildings southwest of the village, known as Le Waton, now are held by the British troops. The prisoners taken aggregate 436.

British troops last night advanced their line on a mile front south of the town of Hebuterne, the war office announced today.

A successful raid was carried out by the British near Beaumont Hamel. Hebuterne is about midway on the front between Albert and Arras. Beaumont Hamel is two and a half miles south of Hebuterne.

### FOIL RAID ON LONDON.

London, July 20—A German aeroplane crossed the Kentish coast this morning and was driven back by the fire of anti-aircraft guns, according to an official announcement.

## 6 U. S. DIVISIONS FIGHT WITH FOCH MARCH REPORTS

Offensive to Continue As Long As Germans Are Forced Back.

### DRIVE AGAINST BRITISH FADED

Plans of German Staff Did Not Eventuate As Expected.

Washington, July 20—Six of Gen. Pershing's divisions, or about 200,000 American troops, are fighting with the French in the present offensive in the Aisne-Marne district, Gen. March, chief of staff, advised members of the Senate military committee today at their weekly conference today.

The Franco-American offensive will continue as long as it is possible to force the Germans back, Gen. March said.

Gen. March told the Senators also that the Germans had been preparing for an offensive against the British to the north on the western battle front, to be simultaneous with their last offensive against the Franco-American front.

### GILBERT WILL IGNORES SISTER AND NEPHEW

Bequests Made to Other Relatives and Friends—Max Stein, Executor.

The will of Charles P. Gilbert, who died July 11, was filed in the Probate Court today. It provides that first, all just debts and funeral expenses be paid by the executor; second, all estate be sold by the executor within five months after my decease, excepting the following, which is bequeathed to: Earl La Fountain, all clothes and books; Gertrude Davis, portrait of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert; Mildred Stoddard, violin, and records; John Johnston, a portrait, watch, chain and charm; H. W. Dawson, all Masonic books and all stick pins; D. E. Evans, diamond cuff buttons; Rev. John T. Lynch, strawberry painting; Arthur Parrot, tool box and contents; Minnie Zeigler, large dictionary at factory; Julia Van Buskirk, all pictures of Charles and Gertrude; Elizabeth Gaul, painting "Deer in Forest," two paintings of flower scenes and picture, "Riding Tandem"; Mrs. Mary Stoddard, picture "Prayer at Valley Ford"; Estel Hawley, photo of J. Orcutt, A. C. Hobbs and A. J. Hobbs.

The rest and residue of the estate is to be divided as follows: 3-20 to Elizabeth Gaul; 2-20 each to Minnie Zeigler, John T. Lynch, Mrs. W. H. Davis, Gertrude Davis, George La Fountain, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Evans; 1-20 each to Agnes O'Brien, Anna O'Brien, Sisters of Mercy; Edith Johnston and P. Sprovero.

Max Stein was named sole executor of the will which was made June 1, 1918.

He left two heirs but no mention of them are made in the will. They are Susie Gilbert Burroughs of Brattleboro, Vt., a sister; and Charles Thurston of Greenfield, Mass., a nephew.

There is a hearing set on the admission of the will July 23, at 2:30 o'clock in the Probate Court.

### FAL LOF SOISSONS IMMINENT

Washington, July 20—The war department has no advice that the city of Soissons has fallen, but it is known to be under a heavy fire from American artillery and its fall seems imminent.

## AIISNE-MARNE DRIVE IS STILL IN PROGRESS; ALLIES REACH VIERZY

French Have Thrown Back Enemy Between Fossy and Oeuilly and Have Won Back Positions Toward Marne—U. S. Fighters Taking Part in Franco-American Push on Soissons—Chateau Thierry Front Moved Forward Against Strong Machine Gun Fire on Ground Carpeted With German Dead.

With the American Army on the Aisne-Marne Front, July 20, 8:30 a. m.—(By the Associated Press)—The battle zone along the front of the Allied counter attack between the Aisne and the Marne is being extended farther south toward Chateau Thierry than the region previously affected, according to information early this morning.

The attempts of the crown prince's generals to rally their forces to meet the steady movement of the Allies has resulted in such strengthening of the opposition as to indicate that the battle is approaching the point where the armies will soon be locked in a giant struggle.

Both on the northern end of the line and farther south the reinforced Germans are making a desperate effort to hold their positions.

The Franco-American forces are continuing the steady pounding of the northern part of the line, near Soissons, although the movement is lacking the dashing advance that characterized the first day of the attack.

With the American Army Between the Aisne and the Marne, July 19—(By the Associated Press)—American troops participating in the Franco-American advance late today of about a mile and a quarter on the Soissons-Chateau Thierry front went forward against strong machine gun fire over ground covered with German dead.

From a hill east of Dommiers, about six kilometres southwest of Soissons, the correspondent on Friday saw the Americans going into action in the forward movement. The advance was well organized and the system worked well from one end of the line to the other.

Under a barrage fire from 75s and 55s American infantry and machine gunners advanced through ripening grain fields, trampled by the retreating Germans on Thursday, and reached their objectives according to schedule, despite the fire of German machine guns. The bombardment of the big German guns was feeble at this point.

The Americans started from a point just west of the Paris-Soissons road near the shell shattered village of Missy aux Bois, advancing nearly a kilometre before the Germans began to reply with their big guns to the American barrage. Missy aux Bois lies in a valley and the Americans were advancing upgrade toward the east. A few tanks were here and there pre- (Continued on Page Two)

## ROOSEVELT'S DEATH IS CONFIRMED BY TEUTONS

German Aviators Drop Note Into American Aviation Camp Saying That Lieutenant Was Killed In Air Combat.

Paris, July 20—German aviators have dropped a note into American aviation camps confirming the death of Lieut. Quentin Roosevelt.

### Cleveland Club Disbands Tomorrow

Cleveland, July 20—President James C. Dunn of the Cleveland American league club sent today the following message to Cleveland from Chicago: "We will play a double header with Philadelphia tomorrow and then will close the ball park for the balance of the season. It is our desire to comply promptly with Secretary Baker's ruling on baseball."

### NOTE TO CLUB OWNERS.

Chicago, July 20—A message to all club owners in the American League, asking whether they were willing to abide by Secretary Baker's order at once, was sent today by President Ben Johnson. The action of the Cleveland club in closing tomorrow is the first result of the message.

Lieut. Quentin Roosevelt, whose death while flying as an aviator in the American ranks is confirmed from German sources, was the youngest son of former President Roosevelt. He disappeared last Sunday morning during a combat between American and German machines 10 miles inside the enemy lines in the Chateau Thierry sector.

Lieut. Roosevelt's death was the third casualty in the Roosevelt family. Archibald Roosevelt was wounded severely on March 11 and has not yet returned to active duty. The captain won the French war cross for bravery. Major Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., the eldest son, was gassed about three weeks ago and was cited for bravery. Kermit Roosevelt, who accepted a commission in the British army, recently was transferred to the American force in France.